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George Karabin,
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Re: NH & ME DMV License Plates/Replacement Characters

Dear Mr. Karabin,

Below is information regarding New Hampshire and Maine license plate information that should be utilized during the image review process.

New Hampshire Information:

- Spaces are never considered a character in any plates.
- All passenger type (PASS) plates never have the letter 'I' or the letter 'O'.
- Plates with all numbers and the "Old Man in the Mountain" graphic displayed on the side are PASS #46 plate type. If there are five numbers or less, the "Old Man" is always to the far right. With six or more numbers, the "Old Man" is in the middle or may be to the right of center.
- If there are anywhere from 1 to 7 numbers, and all characters are numbers; the plate type will always be PASS #46 plate type.
- If there is a combination of numbers and two or more letters, it can be any type of initial plate, i.e. initial passenger #42, initial handicap #40, initial disabled #39, initial motorcycle #41, initial veteran motorcycle #43 and initial regular veteran #44, etc.
- All initial passenger type (IPASS) plates have both the number one as '1' and letter 'I' as 'I' or 'l'.

- The number '0' is never on initial plates. Anytime there is a question of it being a number '0' or the letter 'O', it will always be the letter 'O'. For instance, there would never be RED 0 (number '0'). It would be REDSOX (letter 'O'). Number '0' is only used in regular passenger plates.
- Initial plates (initial passenger #42, initial handicap #40, initial disabled #39, initial regular veteran #44, and initial moose conservation #38, etc.), are the only plates that could have the hyphen (-), ampersand (&) or plus symbol (+). The only exception is any type of initial motorcycle plates; they will never have the ampersand (&) symbol.
- With moose conservation passenger plate #33 (CPASS or HPASS) the horizontal CH is never included in the plate number.
- Regular moose conservation plate #33 will have a combination of all numbers and one letter, either the letter C or the letter H, which can be situated anywhere in the plate. For example: 3C451 or 2365H.

Maine Information:

- Spaces are never considered a character in any plates. Example: Plate RS MTA would appear on the address look-up as RSMTA.
- Special characters are not considered characters in any plate. Example: Plate RS&KS would be identified as RSKS, the character is dropped and no one else could have plate RSKS, RS KS or RS:KS.

Sincerely,


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